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SUBJECT: POLISH ICCS ATTITUDES

SUMMARY: IN CONVERSATION WITH POLDEL POLITICAL ADVISERS KUSNIERZ AND MALICKI, EMBOFF EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING POLISH DELAYS IN TONLE CHAM INVESTIGATION AND APPARENT CONTRAST BETWEEN POLISH HIGH- LEVEL STATEMENT AND POOR PERFORMANCE OF ICCS POLDEL TO DATE. KUSNIERZ DEFENDED POLISH PERFORMANCE AND REITERATED POLDEL INTENTION TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE IN VIETNAM.
END SUMMARY

1. DURING CONVERSATION MARCH 22 WITH ICCS POLDEL POLITICAL ADVISERS KUSNIERZ AND MALICKI, EMBOFF STRESSED EMBASSY'S SERIOUS CONCERN REGARDING THE SNAIL PACE, LARGELY DUE TO POLDEL DELAYS, OF ICCS ACTIONS IN CONDUCTING TONLE CHAM INVESTIGATION.

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IN WIDER CONTEXT, EMBOFF NOTED APPARENT CONTRAST BETWEEN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS OF HIGH- LEVEL POLISH FIGURES AND RATHER POOR PERFORMANCE OF ICCS POLDEL TO DATE. EMBOFF CITED A NUMBER OF EXAMPLES COLLECTED DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS TO ILLUSTRATE POLDEL PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING REFUSAL TO DEPLOY TO HONG NGU, CURTAILING OF OVERLAND FAMILIARIZATION TRIPS BY SOME POLDEL TEAMS, NONPARTICIPATION IN PHU CAT (BINH DINH) INVESTIGATION, LACK OF POLDEL REP AT CAM RANH POE SITE, AND POLDEL REFUSAL TO AGREE DURING INVESTIGATION OF AN LOC CH- 47 INCIDENT THAT HELICOPTER HAD EVEN CRASHED.

2. KUSNIERZ DEFENDED POLISH ACTIONS AS IN NO RPT NO WAY REFLECTING ANY DEVIATION FROM POLISH INTENTIONS TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TO ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN VIETNAM. HE CHARACTERIZED EMBOFF' S LIST OF ILLUSTRATIONS AS " ONE- SIDED" AND URGED EMBOFF TO CONSIDER TOTAL POLDEL EFFORTS TO DATE WITHIN ICCS. FOR EXAMPLE, OF 27 INVESTIGATION NOW SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED BY ICCS, POLDEL ONLY FAILED TO PARTICIPATE IN TWO. (COMMENT: ONLY FIVE INVESTIGATION HAVE BEEN PLENARY APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO FPJMC.)

3. BEFORE CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION IT IS STANDARD PROCEDURE, ACCORDING TO KUSNIERZ, TO REQUEST FPJMC PARTICIPATION. WHEN PRESSED BY EMBOFF WHETHER SUCH PROCEDURES INSURED FPJMC VETP POWER OVER ICCS INVESTIGATIONS, KUSNIERZ AGREED THAT ICCS COULD GO IT ALONE PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THERE EXISTED NORMAL CONDITIONS. IN HIS OPINION, SUCH CONDITIONS DO NOT PRESENTLY EXIST AROUND TONLE CHAM NOR HONG NGU. KUSNIERZ THEN PROCEEDED ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO CONFLICTING PARTIES, POLDEL IS NOT ABOUT TO RISK LIVES OF ITS PERSONNEL BY ORDERING THEM TO STAND BETWEEN LINES OF FIRES, GVN HAS NOT LIVED UP TO PARIS AGREEMENT.

4. KUSNIERZ CONCLUDED WITH ATTEMPT TO DRAW OUT EMBOFF' S PERSONAL OPINION REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF FPJMC EXTENSION.

5. COMMENT: DESPITE DISCLAIMERS OF KUSNIERZ, THERE STILL APPEARS TO BE CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN POLISH WORDS IN WARSAW AND WASHINGTON AND ICCS POLDEL ACTIONS IN VIETNAM. WHEN FACED WITH SPECIFIC ILLUSTRATIONS OF POLDEL RELUCTANCE TO ACT OT DEPLOY, THE POLES CONTINUE TO EMPLOY SAFE ARGUMENTS CONCERNING PERSONAL SAFETY OF POLDEL MEMBERS OR ICCS
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CAPABILITY TO ONLY OBSERVE, NOT CONTROL, THE PEACE.

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